

2. Supplementary feeding through programmes like Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme. Children in the age group 0-6 yrs receive supplementary nutrition, immunization, pre-school education etc. Supplementary food to pregnant women/nursing mothers to the extent of 500 Calories and 20-25g protein per day is also provided along with nutrition and health education. One of the recent steps to increase the effectiveness of services under ICDS is the provision of 50% of Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) of micronutrients through supplementary food.

Supplementary food is also provided through National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-day Meal programme) to school going children.

3. A National Nutrition Policy was adopted in 1993 and the National Plan Action on nutrition is being implemented through various departments of Government of India. Now a National Nutrition Mission has been set up to deal with all nutritional problems through a Mission mode approach.

4. Nutrition Education to increase the awareness and bring about desired changes in the dietary practices including the promotion of breast feeding and dietary diversification.

5. Programmes for prevention of Specific Micronutrient Deficiency disorders other than iron deficiency.

- (i) Prophylaxis Programme to prevent Nutritional Blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency. This is also under the RCH programme.
- (ii) National Iodine Deficiency disease Control Programme (NIDDCP)
- (iii) Pilot Programme for control of Micronutrient Deficiencies.

#### **Medical check up of students**

3272. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under which medical check up of students studying in Municipal and Panchayati Raj Institutions can be done twice in a year; and

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal for medical check up of students that preventive actions can be taken to improve health of weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no Central Government standard School Health Programme. However, some of the State Governments have state-wise school health programme.

National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) provides for support for school health programme, based on specific proposals of State Governments.

**Inclusion of more dental treatments in the CGHS rate list**

3273. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of treatments indicating CGHS rates applicable for empanelled private hospitals for dental treatment;

(b) whether Government propose to include more treatments in dental care and if so, the list of such treatments thereof;

(c) whether CGHS rates charged from CGHS beneficiaries by empanelled dental hospitals are reimbursed by Government;

(d) if so, what rates are charged for root canal treatment, with or without capping and whether these are reimbursable; and

(e) the list of dental treatments for which reimbursement is not made and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The information is given in Statement (see below)

(b) If private hospitals apply for empanelment by offering more treatment facilities in dental care, and accepting the terms & conditions for such empanelment, can be considered by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no CGHS rate for reimbursement of root canal treatment. However, reimbursement is made as per AIIMS rates, which currently is Rs.250/-

(e) CGHS reimburses cost of dental procedure as per CGHS rate. For other procedures, reimbursement is as per AIIMS rates or actual which ever is less.